## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Via Electronic Submission Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 6, 2006. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. It is believed that this response is timely filed, and that no extension-of-time fees are due. However, should any fees be due the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 501922, referencing docket no. 199-0249US.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.